News" in the National Programme of Doordarshan. Besides, a weekly round-up of Parliament proceedings is telecast by major kendras in their respective regional languages. These steps enable Doordarshan to provide necessary information about the happenings in the Parliament to the viewers all over the country.

Subscription to PTI and UNI by All India Radio

578. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased subscription by All India Radio to two English news agencies, viz; Press Trust of India and United News of India this year;

(b) what are the new rates payable to them by All India Radio and what rates were paid previously; and

(c) whether there is any subscription paid to them by Doordarshan separately, if so, what are the rates payable to these agencies by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 1-1-1985, the Press Trust of India and the United News of India are being paid as follows:—

Press Trust of India . . . . . Rs. 84.63 lakhs per annum
United News of India . . . . Rs. 63.85 lakhs per annum

Prior to 1.1.1985, the subscription paid to P.T.I. and UNI were as follows:—

	1-10-82 to 30-9-84	1-10-84 to 31-12-84
Press Trust of India	Rs. 45·88 lakhs (per annum)	Rs. 55·05 lakhs (per annum)
United News of India	Rs. 34·11 lakhs (per annum)	Rs. 40·93 lakhs (per annum)

(c) No, Sir.

Development of new varieties of paddy by I. C. A. R.

579. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether I. C. A. R. had developed new strains of paddy which can mature in about two months; and

(b) if so, by when the seeds of this variety are likely to be made available to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Purchase of cows from Netherlands

580. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Dairy Corporation has decided to buy cows from Netherlands for increasing the milk yield; and

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.